

House Resolution 175

By: Representatives Draper of the 90th, Olaleye of the 59th, Sanchez of the 42nd, Santos of the 117th, and Cannon of the 58th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 5, 2025, as Latino Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Georgia is home to more than one million people of Latin American heritage
3 who are part of the economic, social, and cultural fabric of the state, and their daily
4 contributions need to be recognized, uplifted, and honored as integral to Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, Latinos in Georgia are a young community yet are very active in all sectors.
6 Latino men participate in the workforce in Georgia at higher rates than any other
7 demographic group, Latinas turn out to vote at higher rates than the national average, and a
8 third of the community is under 18 years old and actively working to pursue their educational
9 aspirations; and

10 WHEREAS, Latinos have been an integral part of building the state and its economic
11 standing, including workers in carpet manufacturing in Whitfield County, the poultry
12 industry in Hall County, the agricultural sector in rural areas and South Georgia, in retail
13 through entrepreneurship as a self-sufficiency strategy, in the military and law enforcement,
14 professionally in corporations and businesses, in the public and nonprofit sector, and
15 academically through institutions of higher education; and

16 WHEREAS, Latinos are well known for their appreciation of family and community as well
17 as their joy and optimism; and

18 WHEREAS, Latinos provide an immense amount of arts and culture to the State of Georgia
19 and have a vast array of artisans and folkloric groups from all nations in Latin America and
20 the Caribbean, from Mexico to Argentina as well as from Puerto Rico and Brazil to Peru; and

21 WHEREAS, this diverse community will continue growing to represent a significant
22 percentage of Georgia, and it is expected its representation and civic participation will only
23 increase.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
25 the members of this body recognize February 5, 2025, as Latino Day at the state capitol.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
27 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
28 public and the press.